



**Meeting:** Region A EMS Regional Committee

**Date:** February 4, 2008

**Location:** Centerpoint Medical Center, Independence, MO

**Attendees:** R. Mehrer-Lifeflight Eagle, M. Snider-Liberty FD, C. Wells-Centerpoint, J. Busby - Liberty Hospital, M. Babb-Lifeflight Eagle, J. Kelley-IRHC Med Center, R. Pryor-Children's Mercy, A. Mulvenon-Saint Luke's Hospital, H. Wilkins-Saint Luke's Hospital

**Minutes herein approved by:**

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTIONS/FOLLOW-UP
Introductions	The meeting was called to order by Dr. Wilkins at 1:05pm, introductions were made.	Informational
Brief Announcement/Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There was much discussion amongst members present that they are not receiving the emails from the Region A distribution list.</li> <li>Dr. Wilkins briefly discussed the attempts at hosting this meeting remotely throughout the region. Dr. Wilkins mentioned that he had been in contact with the Missouri Telehealth Network and attempts would be made to make these conferences available by teleconferencing throughout the region at the next meeting.</li> <li>Brief discussion was held regarding having lunch available for the next meeting. Toward that end a luncheon sign-up sheet listing the following dates: April 7, 2008, June 2, 2008, August 12, 2008, October 6, 2008, and December 1, 2008.</li> </ul>	<p>A request was made for all members to check their email address for accuracy on attendance sign-in sheet.</p> <p>The members were asked to contact the people they know in the outlying regions to see what the interest would be in having the remote access available throughout the region.</p> <p>For the April 7, 2008 meeting Sue Ellen volunteered to bring pizzas. Dr. Wilkins will follow-up and remind her of this. Carolyn Wells stated she would have drinks available for the next meeting. This leaves volunteers to be held for the June 2, the October 6 and the December 1, 2008 meetings. Ruby Mehrer mentioned that the August meeting would be held in conjunction with the Combined Clinical Conference this is anticipated to be August 12. The membership also noted that it is difficult to find rooms and that we should try to secure a room soon as those rooms fill up quickly.</p>

NHTSA TAT Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suellen Shea was reporting on behalf of Tracy Rogers and there were 2 handouts that were distributed. One was the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Technical Assistant Program Statewide EMS Reassessments Program Guide the other was State of Kansas A Reassessment of Emergency Medical Services Report July 17–19, 2007.</li> <li>• Discussion regarding the MEMSA TNT evaluation form. It was mentioned that Tracy Rogers made a request of Susan Henry to determine the best way for Missouri to (a) get a copy of the 1994 report and (b) to pursue having a statewide evaluation performed. The discussion centered around pros and cons of requesting a statewide evaluation. The PRO's of having a statewide assessment performed would be that it would provide ammunition to the state from a federal level to pursue the recommendations of a statewide trauma center or time critical diagnosis system. The CON's around the argument essentially boiled down to whether or not this would be a futile gesture and would it really make a difference for the money that it would cost. According to the email from Susan McHenry the cost for the evaluation was between \$30,000 and \$40,000. An informal poll was taken amongst the members present by a show of hands and, again this was an informal poll, there were 4 that were pro, 3 that were con and 4 that were undecided.</li> </ul>	<p>It was decided that a conversation would be held with Dr. Jermyn State EMS Director regarding the possibility of requesting a reevaluation of the states EMS system. It was also noted that should a request for a state evaluation be made it would come from Dr. Jermyn.</p>
Legislative Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jason White provided the legislative update for us. The first was a discussion of peer review legislation he essentially stated that SB 915 by Senator Ridgeway and HB 1454 by Representative Roorda has been filed. Jason White thought this would not be the time to send letters but that there won't be a grassroots effort at this point.</li> </ul>	
Medicaid Increase for EMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He said that this has already been testified at two hearings and has met with some senior leadership on this issue. There was some discussion regarding whether or not fixed wing would be represented with this Medicaid increase for EMS and it was unsure as to whether or not this was specifically laid out but the prevailing thought was that it would be.</li> <li>• The Cell Phone 9-1-1 Legislation is expected to be filed very soon. The membership noted that there is a website where more information could be obtained including the minutes from the January 15, 2008 meeting. This web resource is <a href="http://www.360365.org">www.360365.org</a></li> <li>• There was a recall provision for ambulance district board members</li> <li>• The death benefit legislation has been filed and that HB 1630 has been filed by Representative Bruns and SB 966 by Senator Dempsey.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The AED Bill that covers lay people that has not yet been filed and the language needs to be looked at. This bill essentially will cover liability for use of the AED device by lay people. It was recommended that the membership keep an eye on this legislation.</li> <li>• HB 1609 that would help assure that health care professionals can function during a time of major disaster without fear of lawsuits. Jason made mention that this hearing would be held next week.</li> </ul>	
TCD Legislation	The remainder of the meeting was taken up discussing the TCD Legislation. Jason White mentioned that there's lots of activity surrounding the TCD Legislation. Dr. Wilkins mentioned he had spoken with Dr. German on his way to the meeting and Dr. German mentioned there would not be a meeting on February 5 as was initially thought because the bill had not been filed. Membership was encouraged to keep close watch on this legislation. There was discussion regarding the downsides of the TCD Legislation and some of the discussion centered around just not being aware of what the implication for this legislation was for smaller hospitals. Again, the recommendation was for the membership to just remain abreast of this.	
Old Business & Announcements	It was once again noted by Dr. Wilkins that the state is trying to update the Region A membership list. Ruby Mehrer mentioned that she did probably have the list that was current up until September 2005 and that she did not think it had been changed very much since that time. Ann Mulvenon and Dr. Wilkins mentioned that they received their letters in December 2006 and think that is probably the last formal appointment that had been made by the state. Although several completed applications have been sent in to the state.	Dr. Wilkins to follow-up with Paula Atkinson from the State.
Adjournment	The next meeting was set for April 7, 2008 at 1pm.	Attempt will be made by Dr. Wilkins to set up the Missouri Telehealth Network to help host this meeting regionally.